

THE FEAST OF VENGEANCE

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CHAPTER IX.

Dolores met Jacob Mosembroke's look steadily. So still and composed was she as she gazed at him that he felt that she might have been a marble image of determination.

"Yes," she said, "I will tell you. There is no other course left open. Mr. Mosembroke, I am already married."

A studied cry came from Mrs. Despard as she dropped back on her chair. It seemed to her in the moment of silence which followed her daughter's declaration that the end of all things must have come. She could not look up. She was afraid to look at Jacob Mosembroke's face.

Then she heard the man break the silence.

"Married!" he said. "You—married? A horrible laugh came from him. And you expect me to believe that? You really imagine that I'm not struck by a statement of that kind? No, my dear. You've got to learn what your mother has learnt at Jacob Mosembroke's school."

"But it is true," said the girl in a very quiet tone. "Where's the certificate? Who's the man—eh? Who's the man?"

"Of course not. He doesn't exist," she retorted with another laugh. "Please believe me. If I were to go through this ceremony with you on Monday, I should be committing a crime. It would have only one name—bigamy."

"What you say is true, then," said Mosembroke, "why has it been kept so quiet? That's what I want to know."

"It was necessary—for business reasons," answered Dolores. "How long ago did the wedding take place?"

"Several months," she replied. "Before last May?"

"No." "Before you and I met?" "No." "Soon after?"

The girl's fingers gripped the chair convulsively. "Yes," she said. "Did your mother know?" demanded the man.

"No—she did not know until—this week," confessed Dolores with a burning blush.

Jacob Mosembroke sat down and laughed his horrible laugh again. Leaning back in the chair, he placed the tips of his fingers together and gazed at her, his eyes half closed, his lips curling with a sneer.

"So you're no different to other women after all," he said. "God! Well this time I'll admit I have been fooled. Here have I been for eight or nine months looking upon you as an honest and pure-minded girl I had never known. I'd have staked my fortune on your innocence. If I hadn't seen so damn sure of it, do you think I'd have done what I did on Wednesday?"

"Oh, Mr. Mosembroke—what is the meaning of this?" began Dolores, flushing and looking alternately at him and at the door.

"Innocent!" he cried. "And because you've been out of school a few weeks, you go and get secretly married. You don't even tell your mother, who I will admit, has dared to be very devil for your sake. Innocent—truthful! God! After this, I look to what I used to say. There's a good woman existing—damn it!"

He brought his hand down on the arm of the chair with a crash. "Damn you women!" he cried. "It's no wonder we men aren't any better. And who is the fellow who says I cannot tell you?"

"You will not tell me?" "Very well," replied Dolores, her head going to her wildly-beating heart. "I will not."

"Do you really imagine I can't guess?" he said. "It's Captain Aynescombe. Ah! you can't deny it!" Dolores remained silent. After all, she reflected, the revelation could not do her any harm now. Her mother had told her what she had found out about the "Guardie" of whom Tony had so often spoken was Sir Gavin Tregaskis. Tony's guardian existed no more; therefore Tony could marry whom he pleased.

So she remained silent. "You can't deny it," again Jacob Mosembroke said. "Oh, it wasn't difficult to hit on the man. You had the eyes for any one else last season when he was sent to India. You weren't a woman of the world enough to hide to hide the fact that you and he were married."

thought of the quickest way out of it. If Sir Gavin died before he could destroy his will, Aynescombe would get everything.

"Stop!" commanded Mrs. Despard. She was on her feet. Her face was as white as paper.

"You are lying," she cried, "every word you have uttered is a lie, and you know it!"

"No jury would believe anything else," he rejoined. "The first thing they look for in such cases is a motive—and here is a motive—oh! as simple as daylight."

"It's a lie—a lie!" again she cried. Jacob Mosembroke took his hat and stuck from the chair on which he had laid them, and moved to the door.

"Well, there's no use my wasting time here," he said. "You've both made it clear that the marriage can't take place now. But make no mistake. This doesn't mean that you've done with me, nor that you're going to get off scot free. You, my dear lady," he said to Mrs. Despard, "you will have to account for Sir Gavin Tregaskis' disappearance ere long, and as for you—" here he looked at Dolores. "Well, I've only got to say. I risked ten years' penal servitude for you on Wednesday night, and I'm going to be paid for it somehow, you understand? Wife or no wife, you're going to belong to me!"

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"Why not? He can give you up." "No—not until he is safe himself. He can't, he dare not speak until he is out of the reach of the police, and that won't be for several hours."

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"No—not that, not that!" cried the girl, folding her arms round her. "No, dear, help will come to us. I know it. Tony will show us the way out of this hideous maze. Tony loves me. He will save us—oh, God! send him soon—soon!"

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He had spoken genuinely enough when he had confessed himself disappointed in Dolores' character. He had really believed her incapable of deception, even the kind of deception that the most truthful women will descend to for love's sake.

He could understand why, in her terrible predicament on Wednesday, she had agreed to all his conditions, but he could not reconcile to himself the fact that for all those months she had been a living lie to everyone, including her mother.

The reflection that there was an insurmountable barrier between him and Dolores maddened him.

He knew that Anthony Aynescombe had been saved, and that he would be certainly on his way south by now. He knew that Dolores and her unhappy mother would pour out their despair to him immediately he arrived. He knew that they would tell him everything, and the reflection was not a comforting one.

He would be easy enough to get away to put himself out of the reach of the law, as he had told Mrs. Despard.

But he did not want to go away, and above all he did not want to lose Dolores.

He could not marry her now—that was, he could not marry her in Europe or in England. But there

were states in America where it would be possible, in spite of the tie that bound her to Captain Aynescombe. Would she go with him? Would she make the sacrifice to save her mother?

Jacob Mosembroke's mind answered in the affirmative.

Dolores, he thought, was just the type who would martyr herself for her mother's sake. He could imagine her setting out with him, white, silent, heavy-eyed, giving herself without an allusion to all she was building an eternal farewell to.

Put to the test, she would not fail. But it would have to be done at once—before Anthony Aynescombe put in an appearance on the scene.

He summed up all he would have to do before he could leave for America.

There were many things to arrange, for it would mean a life-long departure. He could never return—he knew that.

The greater portion of his money was invested. It could not be withdrawn at a moment's notice, and there was no one whom he could trust with his financial affairs.

The difficulties in the way were enormous, and the more he pondered the greater they seemed to become.

Once or twice he half decided to abandon all hope of getting Dolores. Then the desire for her came back with renewed force—the desire which was all the more fierce now because she belonged to another man.

That other man should never get her back, he told himself with set teeth—never in this world!

He returned to the hotel about ten o'clock.

There were several people on the Terrace. He nodded to one or two as he passed.

"Jacob Mosembroke looks like the devil to-night," remarked one man, looking after him.

"Yes," replied his companion. "His marriage to Mrs. Despard was to have come off to-day, and didn't."

"And now," said the other, "perhaps he is wondering whether it ever will!"

"Oh, no fear of that!" broke in a third. "It's been clear all along that Mrs. Despard was after money—she's full of it."

In Jacob Mosembroke's room a man was waiting.

He was a thin, meagre-faced man with small eyes, over which he wore glasses. His clothes were those of a gentleman, his general aspect was the reverse.

Mosembroke started when he saw him.

"What are you here for?" he asked quickly. "Is anything wrong?"

"Yes—everything," was the answer. "I came as soon as I could. I didn't dare to wire. There was nothing in the code that would fit it. Of course, we didn't force that this might occur."

"What the devil is it? Damn it! What are you muddering about for? What's wrong?" said Mosembroke, angrily.

"He's gone," said the other.

"Gone—gone?" "Yes; it happened yesterday afternoon."

Jacob Mosembroke stood staring at his visitor with distended eyes.

"How did he get away?" he gasped. "I went out at two o'clock. He was sleeping then, and I locked the door. When I got back the door had been broken open, and he was nowhere to be seen."

"How long were you away?" "Not more than a couple of hours. He must have wakened and missed me. Perhaps he wanted something. Anyhow he burst open the door with the poker, I presume, since it was lying on the floor close by—and then he must have gone out—and well, that's all I know."

Mosembroke put a hand to his forehead.

"Did he take his hat?" presently he questioned.

"No, it was on the rack," replied the other. "I waited some time, thinking he might come back, but he didn't. So I concluded I'd better come for you."

An oath broke from Mosembroke. "You've made a pretty mess of it, I must say," he exclaimed furiously. "What do you suppose will happen now?"

His visitor shrugged his shoulders. "What can happen? He won't come here, anyhow."

"Then you don't think—" "I am sure he won't. No, my dear fellow, the chances of that man finding his way to Monte Carlo or to London, or to any place that knows him are a million to one against."

"There was no change, then, up to yesterday?" "None whatever."

Jacob Mosembroke drew an easier breath. He sat down took out his cigar-case, and handed it to his visitor.

"Perhaps, after all, it's the best thing that could have occurred," he said more quietly.

"I certainly think so, myself," said the other, lighting his cigar. "For as long as he was under our care we were in a damned ticklish position. Mosembroke. There's no getting away from that."

"But what will he do? Where do you suppose he'll go?" "That's beyond me!"

"He's got no money, of course?" "Not a farthing."

"Not anything in his pockets to show who he was?" "Nothing."

"What clothes had he on?" "The things I bought him when we got to Nice."

Mosembroke's face slowly regained its normal colour.

"Then the chances are that he'll wander along and lose himself," he speculated. "He'll get hungry and ask for food. He may come across someone who will help him—or he may fall into the hands of the police."

"They won't have some difficulty in identifying him—even if they suspect. His beard and moustache are already growing and his hair has gone snow-white. It turned that way the night we got to Nice."

"Ah! then the whole thing's pretty safe," said Mosembroke, sitting back. "Yes, I think it's the best thing that could have happened. By Jove! Now I come to look at it, nothing could have suited me better!"

His visitor took a puff or two at his cigar. Then he said: "I might be better pleased myself if I hadn't lost my job, so to speak. I'm devilish hard up, you know."

"Hard up!" Mosembroke stared at him. "Hard up, and I gave you cut face all bronzed by the Indian sun, and a pair of fine honest grey eyes which looked at one directly and unflinchingly as only honest eyes can look."

He had already heard of his guardian's disappearance as he passed through London, and was greatly distressed over it.

It was not in the nature of the man to hope that Sir Gavin had ceased to live, even though the circumstance would leave him free and wealthy.

He was genuinely attached to Sir Gavin, who had adopted him during his childhood when his father and mother had died leaving him friendless and penniless. Also, he was grateful for the education Sir Gavin had given him, and never forgot that to him he owed his present position in the Army.

There was only one thing on which he and the baronet could not agree, and that was the question of his marriage. Sir Gavin had set his heart on his marrying Lord Elsworth's daughter, and, indeed, so much did he desire the match that he had threatened to disinherit Anthony unless he conformed to his wish.

If Sir Gavin died—if he had met a tragic end, as certainly looked the case now—then there would be nothing to prevent his claiming Dolores as his wife.

It was only natural that the thought should pass through him; natural, too, that it should be accompanied by a thrill of excitement. But this was soon stifled, and there were none but unselfish ideas in Anthony's mind as he conversed with the detective on the matter.

"When did you last see Sir Gavin?" Anderson inquired.

"In June," answered the young officer. "My regiment was suddenly ordered out to India, and I saw him off at the Royal Albert Dock."

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MISSING BABOONS.

AMUSING EVIDENCE BY SHOWMEN.

Mr. Verey, the official referee, learned a good deal about baboons in a case that came before him at the Law Courts. Mr. H. Bostock, the well-known menagerie proprietor, of Glasgow, sued Mr. Taylor, his exhibitor, for some baboons and other "items" in a round-the-world show which Mr. Taylor managed for him in 1903, 1904, and 1905.

Mr. Taylor relinquished his post in 1906, and returned to England with (among other things) five of the show baboons. These precious animals were the main subject of the action, in which Mr. Taylor had entered a counter-claim.

Mr. Bostock said that his net loss on the show had been £3,000. He would not have minded that so much had not Mr. Taylor taken the baboons away with him when he left the menagerie. That was the last straw. The best known of them were Potch (who came from Potchefstroom), Craddock (who was bought at Cradock), and Jacky. They were trained under the superintendence of "Capt." Taylor.

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A man named Priest spoke to all this, and said the baboons were fed out of the profits of the show. "Do baboons eat much?" asked counsel in cross-examination. "It's all according to their size, sir! You can never tell when they're finished!" was the reply. "Were you on friendly terms with them?" (Laughter.) Quite, sir. Another witness who was also in the show remembered the very night of the disappearance of the five beautiful baboons. "It was in Australia—at Perth," he said, and then the thing came back to him. "I went to the cages early the next morning. 'Did you see any of the baboons there?' asked counsel. 'No, sir,' was the cautious reply. 'I only saw the night watchman.' (Loud laughter.)

The "Mashing" Couple.

Mr. Taylor, in the witness-box, described the adventures of the menagerie in the round-the-world trip (which was not over successful, he admitted). On the return journey to England he brought with him the five baboons, a Tasmanian wolf, and a Tasmanian devil. The wolf was horribly sick in the Red Sea, and Mr. Taylor "had to keep his heart going with doses of strychnine." "The Devil," he added, was completely lost for two weeks. It was eventually found on deck one night by a "mashed" couple. Counsel: "By a what?" "A Mashed Couple, sir!" (Laughter.)

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baboons: and four of them, including poor Craddock, died when they got home. Craddock, poor fellow, died at Hammer-smith, and was pronounced dead on arrival. Counsel (sadly): "Did you attend his funeral, Mr. Taylor?" Mr. Taylor (almost in tears): "N-n-o, sir; but I've got the gravedigger here."

Lions were Easy.

Under cross-examination, Mr. Taylor said that "Potch" was presented to him by a Dutchman, and the other monkeys he bought. His correspondence with Mr. Bostock upset his nerves. Mr. Taylor: "What! And you say that you went into the lion's den?" Mr. Taylor: "That is a different kind of nerves. I wouldn't do for a policeman. (Laughter.) Comparing lions and baboons, the witness said that a farm boy could tame a lion in two months, but a baboon required at least 12 months for his training. The witness spoke of no alien being with him on board ship. "The Referee: What sort of animal did you say? (Laughter.)—Mr. Taylor: Aliens. (Renewed laughter.)—The Referee gave judgment for the plaintiff for £449 16s. 2d. and costs, and ordered the delivery up to the plaintiff of the baboon Potch.

THE MAN-WOMAN.

CURIOUS CASE AGAINST A MUSIC-HALL ARTIST.

Rbt. Leonard, 19, of 59, Rushall-avenue, Bedford Park, appeared at Acton charged with being a suspected person found masquerading in female attire, at Bathurst and Turnham Green-terrace, Chiswick, supposed for an unlawful purpose. Prisoner caused a sensation at the previous hearing when he appeared in a black coat and skirt, light blouse, and white fur toque, and Det.-sergt. Bedford said that it was in that costume that he walked in the streets mentioned. Prisoner, who had been out on bail, was now sworn, and in

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told the Bench that his object in going out dressed as a woman was to meet a music-hall agent who was coming to see him, speak to him, and endeavour if possible to deceive him, and so convince him (the agent) of his (prisoner's) ability to impersonate a woman. He was known in the profession as "Myrtle Grove," and he also gave dancing

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VILLAGE DRAMA.

LADY CARRIED OFF TO ASYLUM.

VILLAGERS IN ARMS.

The little village of Holmwood, a couple of miles from Dorking, has been the scene of a domestic drama on the most approved novelistic lines, and it is quite possible that the final chapter has not yet been reached. In a pretty cottage named Hopdene, in Warwickshire, a Mrs. Clarkson has lived for some two years or more, and she is the heroine of the story. She is the wife of Mr. Clarkson, a motor-car manufacturer, of Chelmsford, who is described as wealthy, and she has three children, the eldest a girl of eight named Margaret. This girl resided with her mother, while the two boys, Norman and Alec, are at school, though they spend their holidays at Holmwood. Mrs. Clarkson, who is described as a clever and exceptionally intelligent woman, had a deed of separation from her husband, and she expired on April 4. She had often expressed to her neighbours her fears that something dreadful might happen after that date. Whether that which actually happened was or was not what she expected has not transpired, but it was not long delayed, for on the day following the expiration of the deed of separation, namely, Sunday last, April 5, before she was out of bed, a motor-car drove up to Hopdene containing her husband, a London lunacy specialist, and another doctor. The two doctors eventually signed an order for her removal to the Holloway Sanatorium at Virginia Water.

The Second Visit.

In the matter of the lunacy order no action was taken that day, but Mr. Clarkson placed his child Margaret in the motor-car and increased his wife's anguish by driving away with her. On Monday, to Mrs. Clarkson's surprise and horror, Mr. Clarkson arrived once more in his motor-car in the early morning before she was out of bed. This time he brought with him two nurses from the Holloway Sanatorium. Mrs. Kneeller, a kindly old lady who lives next door, and was asked by Mrs. Clarkson to come to her assistance, thus described the scene in the bedroom:—"When the two nurses entered and told Mrs. Clarkson they had come to take her away she gave one loud scream of horror. Then they asked where Mrs. Clarkson kept her clothes. I refused to tell them, and they threatened to put me out of the room. Eventually Mr. Clarkson sent for the police, while Mrs. Clarkson despatched messages to the Rev. C. Inge, the vicar of Holmwood, and Judge Harding, a retired Indian judge, and also a Dorking magistrate. The police were first to arrive, and they asked Mr. Clarkson if he had an order for his wife's removal. He said the doctors had taken it away with them. Then he raced off in his motor-car to the Holloway Sanatorium at Virginia Water in order to fetch the documents."

Angry Villagers Assemble.

In the meantime the Rev. C. Inge, who has known Mrs. Clarkson for some time, and says he has never noticed any signs of insanity about her, suspended his Monday morning service in order to keep guard over her house and prevent her being carried off. At the same time an angry crowd of villagers assembled outside Hopdene, determined to offer resistance. It was evening before Mr. Clarkson returned from Virginia Water with the lunacy order, at which time Judge Harding had arrived from Dorking. Mr. Clarkson asked him to sign a magistrate's order for Mrs. Clarkson's removal. The judge promptly refused, declaring that he knew Mrs. Clarkson to be perfectly sane. Then Mr. Clarkson went to another magistrate, who signed the order. It may be remarked that there is no legal necessity for the magistrate to see the person who is certified insane. Mr. Clarkson proceeded to his wife's house at Holmwood once more, and found a crowd of village people bent upon opposing his proceedings. The villagers were armed with knives, sticks, and only the intervention of the Rev. C. Inge and Dr. Duke, of Maidstone, who had been wired for by Mrs. Clarkson, prevented a serious riot. Dr. Duke, addressing the crowd, said:—"I hope you will not make a breach of the peace. I thank you on behalf of Mrs. Clarkson for your sympathy. We dare not go against the law, however, and Mrs. Clarkson has been advised by us to submit to the lunacy order. We shall move heaven and earth to get this wrong righted, and before long I hope you will see Mrs. Clarkson among you again."

Mrs. Clarkson Carried Off.

The villagers, much against their will, allowed things to take their course, and soon after 10 o'clock Mrs. Clarkson was driven away in Mr. Clarkson's motor-car to the Holloway Sanatorium. A storm of hisses and boos broke out as the car departed. On Tuesday Judge Harding proceeded to London, and in company with Mr. Goddard, Mrs. Clarkson's solicitor, laid the whole case before the Lunacy Commissioners. "I obtained an assurance from them," he said subsequently, "that after reports were received from the hospital authorities the matter would be properly dealt with. Today (Thursday) I have received a telegram stating that the Lunacy Commissioners have ordered Mrs. Clarkson's release to-morrow. I have no doubt that more will be heard of the matter."

The Heroine's Return.

And now comes the latest chapter in this strange story. On Friday Mrs. Clarkson was, in accordance with the order of the Lunacy Commissioners, discharged from the Holloway Sanatorium, at Virginia Water, and shortly after midday left Windsor for London, in company with her friends. News of her release was sent to Holmwood, and great was the rejoicing in consequence. It is hardly necessary to add that when Mrs. Clarkson returns to her former home she will have a right royal reception.

GIRLS ON STRIKE.

REMARKABLE SCENES IN PICCADILLY.

The strike of waitresses at the Cabin Restaurant in Piccadilly has led to some lively scenes, and even to police court proceedings. Some of the girls have been engaged in the work of "picketing," and some have been busy distributing handbills setting forth their grievances. It would be interesting to know precisely what these grievances really are.



MISS WARE ("KEN"), THE GIRLS' LEADER.

are, for the handbill is somewhat vague. Here is a copy of it:—
PICCADILLY CABIN STAFF STRIKE.
To the Public.

Owing to the arbitrary and oppressive treatment we have received at the Cabin Restaurant, we have been compelled to cease work in defence of our rights.

We have put forward a very reasonable request, which has been absolutely refused.

We do not ask for more money. We do not ask for less hours. We only ask for justice.

SUPPORT US.

By refusing your patronage until we are reinstated on just terms.

A Sympathiser Fined.

Piccadilly has been at times impassable on account of the crowds assembled outside the Cabin, and many of the regular customers have been induced by the girls to dine elsewhere. The novel spectacle has been witnessed of sympathetic customers, attired in frock coats and silk hats, distributing handbills on behalf of the strikers. One of the handbill distributors, a well-dressed young man named Paul Titch, of German nationality, was arrested by the police and charged at Marlborough-st. with causing an obstruction. The magistrate imposed a fine of 20s., which was paid. The waitresses have a strike fund of £100. One City gentleman has contributed £50, another £20, and several others have promised to forward cheques. Miss Ware, or "Ken," as she is familiarly known, one of the moving spirits of the strike, had the interesting experience of lunching in a neighbouring restaurant, and being waited upon by girls of her own class. "The public," she said, "have a mistaken idea if they think that we girls have struck work merely to cause a sensation. We are quite serious about it, because we know all that it means to depend upon gratuities from the public to keep them, because their wages are insufficient." It is stated, however, that the girls make somewhere about 30s. or even 40s. a week from "tips." The manager to whom the girls take such strong exception is, still in charge, and Mr. Frankenburg, the managing director of Cabins (Ltd.), visited the restaurant, and announced his determination not to yield to the demand for the dismissal of the manager.

A Word for the Manager.

The girls at the Oxford-st. branch have sent a letter to Mr. Tollier, manager of the Piccadilly Cabin, testifying their appreciation of him while he was at Oxford-st. They say:—"During the last two and a half years we have had the pleasure of working under you with every consideration and just treatment at your hands. We respectfully offer you our congratulations on the firm attitude which you adopted in the regrettable action of our fellow employees at the Piccadilly branch. We assure you that our sympathies have been entirely with you in the unenviable position which was forced on you. We conclude this slight token of our esteem with our very best wishes for your future welfare and success."

"Ken's Cabin."

The latest development in the strike is that the girls have received a remarkable offer from a lady sympathiser, who desires to remain anonymous, placing at their disposal free of rent and light, premises suitable for a restaurant, in Bromley, opposite Harrod's Stores. It is intended to open these premises on Monday, and the enterprise has been further assisted by a donation of £25 from the same lady. The waitresses on strike will all be able to find employment there, and it is to be known, in honour of Miss Ware, the girls' leader, as "Ken's Cabin." An offer has also been received of premises in Leicester-st. on most favourable terms. The girls have opened offices, also, at a sympathiser, in Selwood-st., Golden-sqn., and now protest their determination not to return to work under Cabins (Ltd.) under any consideration.

BOYCOTTING JAPANESE.

Hong Kong, Saturday.—The Japanese mail steamer, America Maru, has called for San Francisco without a single package of Chinese cargo on board, and with only 25 passengers, as compared with 730 passengers carried by the Empress of India, which left on Thursday. With the object of spreading the boycott propaganda the Chinese are using envelopes bearing ideographs reading:—"National Disgrace Memorial," an allusion to what is considered as the humiliating settlement of the Tatsu Maru incident.—Reuter.

A thrush's nest with four eggs in it has been found in a police-constable's helmet at Llandudno.

HOUSES COLLAPSE.

EIGHT KILLED IN WEST-END DISASTER.

SMOTHERED WHILE SLEPT.

Eight persons were killed and 20 injured in the collapse of two houses in Castle-st., East, Oxford-st., early in the morning. There were many extraordinary features about the accident. The buildings went down like a house of cards, and the sleeping inmates, 27 men and one woman, were for the most part buried alive as they lay in their beds. It is astonishing that more were not killed, and that, of the survivors who were dug out by the energetic Salvage men and police, only three were seriously injured. All the victims were employed in the York Hotel, on the opposite side of the road, and the ruined buildings were owned jointly by the proprietors of that hotel and the Berners Hotel. By a grim stroke of fate, as it now seems, it had been arranged that after the Sunday night (the night of the disaster) the buildings should not be again used as sleeping quarters; their demolition, in fact, was fixed for the following day.

The Killed and Injured.

The list of the dead is as follows:—George Albrecht, 27, waiter, a native of Germany. Joseph Greiner, 23, porter, an Italian. Gustav Rigoldi, 20, kitchen hand, a native of Switzerland. Reviel Ferrarini, 21, waiter, an Italian. Frederick Tschauer, 25, waiter, an Austrian. Arnold Ghoz, 25, sculleryman, Austrian. John Jordan, 21, waiter, Englishman. E. Kesch, waiter, Austrian.

The three most seriously hurt were:—Frederick Johnson, 25, house porter, in injuries to abdomen. Jack Taylor, 15, apprentice cook at the York Hotel, injuries to legs. Henry Priet, 24, Austrian waiter, injuries to head and legs.

These were removed to and detained at the Middlesex Hospital. Others of the injured were taken to the hospital, but were able to leave after their injuries had been dressed.

The Work of Rescue.

Proceeded until all who had been buried beneath the fallen masonry were extricated. Six men were taken out dead and two died on the way to the

PRINCE ARRESTED.

STORY OF A FLIGHT FROM A HAREM.

Said to be a Russian prince, a well-dressed man, entered on the charge sheet as Serge Ourossoff, was brought before Sir A. B. Ritten at Bow-st. for extradition on a charge of obtaining goods by false pretences in Paris. Mr. Harry Wilson defended. Detective Lawrence, of Scotland Yard, said that on Monday he saw accused at Montpelier-st., Brompton, riding



PRINCE SERGE OUROSOFF.

where he was living with his wife. He asked him if his name was Serge Ourossoff, and he replied, "Yes; but there are many persons of that name. I am the Prince Serge Ourossoff." Witness told him that he held a provisional warrant for his arrest for obtaining goods by false pretences in Paris. He replied, "I can explain all my transactions in Paris. I have not defrauded anyone." In his possession was a Russian passport in the name of Prince Ourossoff.—Remanded.

Marriage Romance.

It is interesting to recall that in London four years ago a Prince Serge

STORY OF A COWARD.

THE SERVANT AND THE CHORISTER.

A peculiar tale was investigated at Rhyd, when David Lewis, a well-known chorister and bell-ringer, was charged with criminally assaulting Sarah Jane Jones, a domestic servant, aged 19. The evidence of prosecution was that on April 2 she went to the Flint and Denbigh Point-to-Point Race, and was returning home with a young man she had known all her life. Prisoner assisted her over a hedge from a lane as they were going to Rhyd across the fields. He linked his arm in her arm, and then offered her money, which she indignantly refused, and said she would return home with the young man whose company she had started in. She alleged that prisoner dogged them through fields and lanes, and that when they sat down in a lane to shelter from the rain prisoner

Put His Arms Round Her Neck

and kissed her. After that prisoner said he was going home, and proceeded to the young man said they would sit in the hedge for shelter. While they were spooning there, prisoner suddenly re-appeared, threw the young man on one side, and it was alleged, committed the offence with which he was charged. Prosecutrix screamed and called on the young man to help her, but he did nothing. She afterwards went to Rhyd, crying, and she refused all attempts from prisoner and the young man, saying she would report them both when she reached town. On getting to Rhyd she went to her sister-in-law and lodged a complaint, then to her father's house, and subsequently to the police. She admitted in her examination that when she was 11 years of age she had been assaulted, but no charge was made in respect to that affair.

Not a Consenting Party.

The cross-examination was directed to show that prosecutrix was a consenting party, but this she indignantly denied, as she also did the suggestion that she had been guilty of indecent behaviour with the young man with whom she was spoon-

BY THE FIRE.

AGED WATCHMAN AND LITTLE GIRL.

"The children must be protected," said the presiding magistrate at the conclusion of the hearing of a case at the Surrey Quarter Sessions, when J. Boxall, an elderly widower, of Quickwood, Wimbledon, surrendered to his bail on an indictment by the Croydon justices charging him with having indecently assaulted Rhoda Oberon, a 15-year-old school girl, of Collier's Wood, Mitcham, at Denison-rd., Mitcham, on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 29.—Complainant, an intelligent girl, who was dressed in navy blue, told the court that at about six o'clock in the evening she was returning from Haydon-rd., where she had been for her mother, and on reaching prisoner's watch-box she stopped.

To Warm Her Hands

at the coke fire outside. Prisoner said to her, "If you are cold come inside my box," and, continued witness, because she would not go in, prisoner seized her round the waist, dragging her inside the hut. Having got her inside prisoner, she alleged, behaved improperly to her, but upon her screaming loudly he let her go. She then returned home crying, and informed her mother of what had occurred, going for a policeman later at her mother's instructions. In the officer's presence she repeated the allegations against accused.—Elizabeth Evans, another child, gave evidence in corroboration, saying that she saw complainant come out of the watch-box for a policeman, who, in his presence, charged accused, adding, "My face is quite sore where he scrubbed me with his whiskers." At the police station when charged prisoner said, "I shall not admit it."—Prisoner denied the allegations, and, giving evidence on oath, said that when he saw the girl warming her hands against the fire he told her to go away, but as she took no notice he gave her a push, and, by some means, she stepped into the box. Still refusing to come out after he had asked her to do so, and of all Chemists, and Boots, and all Chemists, all branches. Proprietor—Fritz Schulz, Leipzig.

Commenced Kicking.

In cross-examination accused admitted that he saw the second child some 30 yards away from his hut. The girl was in his hut for about five minutes, but he did not wish her to remain there. He could not say whether she was crying or not when she left the box.—Evidence as to character having been given on behalf of accused—his employer stating that he had known him for 20 years—the chairman reviewed the evidence. For some time the jury deliberated, when the foreman asked the chairman if he could advise them where a common assault ended and an indecent assault commenced.—The chairman replied that in the present case it was either an indecent assault or accused was not guilty.—After further deliberation the jury returned a verdict of guilty.—P.C. Birt then informed the court that the police had received other complaints as to prisoner's conduct from other girls; in fact, on the evening that he was arrested a girl of 13 came to complain about him.—Six months' hard labour.

AN OLD OFFENDER.

CAMDEN TOWN MURDER WITNESS SENT TO PRISON.

At the Central Criminal Court, Jno. Wm. Crabtree, 61, bricklayer, was indicted, before the Common Serjeant (Sir F. A. Bosanquet) for unlawfully suggestion of prisoner's solicitor that he had been guilty of misconduct with prosecutrix, or that prisoner's following them through the lanes was part of an arranged matter.—Prisoner, on being charged pleaded "not guilty," and gave evidence on his own behalf. He admitted that he followed the prosecutrix, and Hughes, loved the prosecutrix and invited him to do so. He added that what took place was with the consent of prosecutrix, and after there had been indecency on the part of Hughes. He did not know that prosecutrix was a Rhyd girl, and was astonished when she called him by name. He thought "she was a girl come down for the races."—Committed for trial.

Was Afraid of Prisoner.

who after the affair stood him two drinks, and said, he felt he had "earned a drink." Prisoner was in drink at the time. He denied the suggestion of prisoner's solicitor that he had been guilty of misconduct with prosecutrix, or that prisoner's following them through the lanes was part of an arranged matter.—Prisoner, on being charged pleaded "not guilty," and gave evidence on his own behalf. He admitted that he followed the prosecutrix, and Hughes, loved the prosecutrix and invited him to do so. He added that what took place was with the consent of prosecutrix, and after there had been indecency on the part of Hughes. He did not know that prosecutrix was a Rhyd girl, and was astonished when she called him by name. He thought "she was a girl come down for the races."—Committed for trial.

KINGSWAY TUNNEL.

SLIGHT COLLISION BETWEEN TRAMS.

The first day of the opening to the public of the underground tramway service between the Thames Embankment and Holborn was attended by an accident which fortunately was a very slight one. It occurred yesterday morning at the Theobald's-rd. end of the tunnel. A few hundred yards before the cars emerged to the open roadway there is a considerable incline. At the bottom of this something caused a car to stop, and another vehicle which followed ran into it. The impact, though not severe, was sufficient to give the occupants of both cars an uncomfortable shaking. There was a momentary alarm among the passengers, but so far as can be ascertained the collision had no serious consequences.

MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

Keen contests took place during the week amongst members of the Metropolitan Volunteer School of Arms Association to determine which of the

Results were declared to be as follows:—

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BAILIFF'S ESCAPE THROUGH THE WINDOW.

Yesterday, at Stratford Police Court, Geo. Reeves, an elderly man, of 23, Kharoum-road, Ilford, and his sons, Geo. Hy. Reeves and Stanley Jno. Reeves, and Geo. Treble, 32, of Harvey-road, Ilford, were summoned for assaulting Hy. Jno. Evans, a certificated bailiff, of Fanshawe-avenue, Harking, and two of his assistants.

From the evidence it appeared that the complainant went to the house of the elder Reeves with a distress warrant for 24s., arrears of rent, but on account of the latter being in a quarrel with the complainant, sent for

George's mood. It was stated that McReaves intended to withdraw his money on payment of 10s. and a promise of the remainder, and one of the defendants was in the act of laying down the money on the table, when the brother George protested. When complainant said that he would, therefore, have to leave his men there, the two sons told him he should not himself go out. They tried to prevent him going out, but he managed to escape to get further aid. When he returned to the front door was held against him by the three Reeves, George later driving.

Nails Through the Door
and the doorknob. One of the men u

possession opened the front window, and through which Mr. Evans got out, then when Mrs. Reeves said, "if you would take the 10s. I will give it to you," Treble, who had said he would not after the relation of the Reeves, appeared upon the scene when Mrs. Reeves was trying to persuade her sons to pay the 25s., but the whole of the party objected to this being done, and Treble shouted out that all the bailiffs would have to go out of the place. The sons and Treble then seized Mr. Evans and said they would throw him through the window, and they tried to do this, handling him very roughly and knocking his head against the window sash. Mr. Evans fainted, and

the men, dropping him, seated several of Chaplin, one of the men in the session, and the men bodily through the glass of the front window. He fell on to the cement floor, and the men then again seized Mr. Evans. The latter was protected by Billett, and then Chaplin, scrambling through the broken window, re-engaged in the fray, though both of his hands were badly cut.

Seven Men Struggling.

Seven men were at that time struggling together in the room, and then P.C. ZOOK arrived, and, getting through the broken window, he managed to end the disturbance. In the course of the affray the son George

called out, "Fetch me my pistol, but no firearm was produced. Complaintant was ill for three days as a result of the rough usage he had received. Chaplin was then under medical attention for a cure for about a week. The defence was that Mr. Evans at no part of the proceedings showed his warrant, and that in several times refused to do so, and declared that he intended to take away furniture to meet the claim. After that Chaplin broke the window and got out, and it was when an attempt to remove a table was made that the struggle took place.—The Bench says of this matter as a very disgraceful row, and said they thought more

might have been shown by Mr. Evans, who, if he had shown the warrant, might have saved a good deal of trouble. Trouble, who was least culpable, must pay \$5, including costs; Geo. Reeves, the son, \$3, and \$4. costs; Geo. Reeves, the father, \$1, and \$4. costs; and the case against Stanley Reeves would be dismissed.

WHITELEY MURDER.

RAYNER'S THIRD ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

Horace Geo. Rayner, who is undergoing a life sentence for the murder of Mr. William Whiteley, again endeavored to commit suicide in New

port Gault, Isle of Wight. Smoke was seen issuing from his cell early in the morning, and a number of officers ran to the cell to find the body lying on fire. Rayner was promptly removed to another cell pending investigation. This makes the third attempt Rayner has made to commit suicide in prison. On the last occasion he was sentenced to solitary confinement for three weeks.

LONDON'S WATER.

INAUGURATION OF A NEW RESERVOIR.

A further stage in the scheme of the old East London Waterworks Company is a chain of reservoirs to stretch from

Walhamstown to Enfield Lock was reached yesterday, when, in the presence of the members of the Metropolitan Water Board and other guests, the first sod of a new reservoir on Ponder's End was cut by Mr. Steward, M.P., Vice-Chairman of the Water Board. The new reservoir, when completed, will contain, approximately, 3,000 million gallons of water area being enclosed. The old bank, which will be made up of the millions of tons of earth taken from the inside of the reservoir site, will be 40 miles in length. The water to fill the reservoir will be pumped from the River Lea and the Lea Navigation at the northern end of the reservoir, and will be taken when the

is in a state of high flood.

WHEN THE WORK will be completed the water, after being for a considerable time in the reservoir, will be through regulating towers into a tunnel, and then along a two-mile tunnel to the supply basin adjoining Chingford pumping station, eventually reaching the filter beds at Bridge, and being pumped into the district for use. The scheme provides for the finishing of the new reservoir in two years, but even then the scheme will not be complete. The board has power for yet further construction. Previous to the inauguration of the work the committee was addressed by Sir M. Beaumont, Chairman of the Water Board.

Barnard then cut the first sod, a ceremony in commemoration of the event, was presented by Mr. P. B. Malone (chairman of the reception committee) with a silver spade.

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YESTERDAY'S SPORTS.

MAGPIES BEAT MERSEY.

FOOTBALL.

By ALEXANDER TAIT.

(Special to "The People.")

W. have reached a critical period in the history of the season, but the fact that the first League clubs are engaged in the second round of the season, as well as all those of the extra league, may cause variations of form, particularly in the "Wooden Spoon" where the contest is quite a close thing. Still, even if it is the tail enders.

Fulham's Hard Fight.
On Saturday, Derby County, Bradford City and Fulham are the competitors for the first Division promotion stake. The match between Fulham and Derby County, which took place at the latter club's ground, was a fairly close one. Derby, however, were the victors, and the result was a fair indication of the quality of the new season. Fulham, however, were the victors, and the result was a fair indication of the quality of the new season.

The Clear Horizon at Southend.
In the Southern League the Bristol Rovers, Crystal Palace, and West Ham are the only rivals of Plymouth for the title. The fact that the latter club is in a position to win the title, is a fair indication of the quality of the new season.

Southend on the Warpath.
At the beginning of the season the club was in a position to win the title, is a fair indication of the quality of the new season.

Chances of the Future.
Almost every day is bringing news of players who have signed on for next season, and one of the most pleasing is to know that Wolverhampton Wanderers have secured the services of Cupman, while K. Hunt will again assist them. On the other hand, Woolwich are making drastic changes, and Coleman, K. Freeman, and Sharp will be leaving the club.

Lancashire Leads and the Football World Follows.

A great many people have been struck by the fact that the Lancashire F.A. Committee have decided to make the season of 1903-4 a "year of the footballer." This is a fair indication of the quality of the new season.

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Professional Football at Knotter.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

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The annual death-rate from all causes, which had been 16.7, 15.8, and 17.2 per 1,000 in the preceding three weeks, was 16.6 last week.

The 1,527 deaths included 42 from measles, six from scarlet fever, 16 from diphtheria, 46 from whooping cough, three from enteric fever, and 12 from diarrhoea. The deaths attributed directly to influenza numbered 61, having been 51, 68, and 71 in the preceding three weeks. Different forms of violence caused 55 deaths, of which 13 were cases of suicide, while the remaining 42 deaths were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,892 births and 2,112 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, these numbers are 36 and 21 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths in London and in 75 other great towns of England and Wales registered last week corresponded to an annual rate 16.8 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 16,254,932 persons in the middle of this year. In the preceding three weeks the rates had been 17.2, 16.9, and 17.6.

Forty-nine sheep have been killed by lightning in a field in Suffolk.

DIVINE WHO TIED WITH "C.B."

The Rev. Dr. Turnbull, for 49 years a minister of the Church of Scotland, and for 39 years parish minister of Daily, Ayrshire, has just died in his 74th year. He was educated at the Glasgow High School and Glasgow University, and tied for first prize in Latin competition with Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman.

Dr. J. N. Langley, Professor of Physiology at Cambridge University, has been elected a foreign member of the Royal Danish Scientific Society.

The experiments that have been made in cultivating indiarubber plantations in various districts adjoining the Black Sea have given most satisfactory results.

Three notable additions have been made this week to the gallery of celebrities at Mrs. Tussaud's Exhibition. They comprise excellent likenesses of the late King Carlos, the ill-fated Crown Prince, and his surviving brother, now King Manuel.

TO CURE OPIUM SMOKING.

A Chinese Imperial Edict has been issued appointing a commission, consisting of Prince Kung and four high officials, to conduct a strict inquiry as to the extent of opium smoking at present indulged in by officials and the people. Refugees for treatment of smokers are to be established.

BRITISH MOTOR-BOAT WINS.

For the 50 kilometres race at Monaco five motor-boats started. The Wolsey-Siddeley boat was first in 56 min. 17.2 sec. after a splendid struggle, the Panhard - second in 58 min. 30 sec., Jeanette third in 1 hr. 0 min. 55 sec., and Lorraine fourth. The English boat was enthusiastically cheered by the on-lookers.

NEW ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Dr. Wm. S. Bruce, of the Scottish Oceanographical Laboratory, who returned from a journey to the Arctic last autumn, is now planning a new Scottish expedition to the Antarctic. Dr. Bruce estimates that an expedition fitted out with one ship of about 250 tons register and 36 men, including six scientists, would cost some £40,000.

A party of members of the Legion of Frontiersmen will be in camp at Teston, near Aldstone, during the Easter time, from April 16 to 21.

A "vanishing lady," Miss Blanche Weston, and an "illuminist," Mr. Wilfred Cropper, were married this week at Peterborough.

"This is the first time I have had the pleasure of coming to this court," said a prisoner charged with watch-snatching at Brentford.

A sandwichman named Jno. Roberts was awarded £20 damages in Southwark County Court as compensation for having been knocked down by a motor-car in Kensington High-st.

The continued ill-health of Sir S. G. Johnson, Town Clerk of Nottingham, and one of the best known authorities on municipal law, is giving rise to considerable anxiety.

John Harvey, a Sandwich licensed victualler, killed himself by getting into a water-tub in the stable yard and playing the water pipe in his mouth.

The Bill approving the Franco-Canadian Commercial Convention has passed the final stage at Ottawa, and received the Governor-General's assent.

CULLINAN IN DIAMOND.

The strike in the diamond-cutting trade at Amsterdam does not affect the firm to which the cutting of the Cullinan diamond has been entrusted, that is to say so far as that stone itself is concerned, the work on which is in the hands of special experts.

ONLY 14 VOTERS.

A poll for the election of a rural district councillor to the Swaffham (Norfolk) R.D.C. was taken in the parish of Huddington this week. There are only 14 voters on the register, and two had gone away, thus leaving only 12 to vote.

CHICKEN'S FFAVOURITE.

Mr. Arthur Blackman, who played in county cricket for Surrey, Kent, and Sussex, has died at Brighton. He was headmaster of Central School, Brighton, and recently received a testimonial on completing 25 years' service. As goalkeeper, he assisted the Brighton Rangers to win the first Sussex Senior Cup.

"The surety is always sure to pay, or is always sure to be called upon to do so," said Judge Edge, at Clerkenwell County Court.

Capt. Metcalfe, Chief Constable of the West Riding of Yorkshire, has been appointed Chief Constable of Somerset.

Half an ounce of pure gold has been found in the body of a turkey killed on a farm on the Tarwin, River, Victoria.

In spite of harvest operations there has been a rise in India as a whole of 11,000 in numbers in receipt of State relief, which are now 1,522,000.

The King has presented the Rev. W. P. Hindley, M.A., vicar of All Saints, Acton, to the vicarage of Newark-on-Trent.

M. Theotokis, the Greek Premier, is about to ask for credit with a view to commissioning the French Admiral Fourrier to reorganise the Greek Navy.

UNWORTHY OF COVENTRY.

A scheme for Coventry municipal buildings, to include shops on the ground floor, was submitted to Mr. Burns as President of the Local Government Board, who condemned it as unworthy of the city, and advised a scheme that would fulfil all requirements and harmonise with the adjoining historic buildings.

FELL THROUGH A WINDOW.

Mrs. Auger, of Godstone-rd., Kenley, died after a curious accident. She was attending to the blinds of a bedroom window when she slipped on a chair and fell through the window. Her foot caught in the chair, and she remained suspended. A neighbour rushed to her assistance, but before she could get upstairs, however, Mrs. Auger fell to the ground.

ILLEGAL CAPTURE OF BIRDS.

Mr. Marks, clerk of the peace for Bedfordshire, has announced the intention of the authorities to stop the illegal capture of birds in close season. He said thousands of singing birds were sent to London from Bedfordshire every week, notoriously larks from Dunstable district. At Sandy the other day they found 180 small birds in boxes labelled for London.

The newly-elected Cape Parliament has been summoned to meet on April 22.

A two-lift gasholder for 3,000,000 cubic feet which is being erected at Redheugh (Ayrshire) will be the largest spiral-guided holder yet built.

Moscow City Council has decided upon the construction of a workmen's colony, providing cheap and healthy housing accommodation for 15,000 persons.

In the course of an inquest at Southwark it was stated that a bed in a house in Claydon-st. consisted of some sacking on the floor, and the only furniture was a chair and two tin boxes.

The 25th festival of the Sons of the Clergy will be celebrated with a full choral service in St. Paul's Cathedral on May 4. The sermon will be preached by the Hon. and Rev. E. Lytton, headmaster of Eton.

The Rev. F. R. Swan, of Huddersfield, has accepted the position of organising secretary of the League of Progressive Thought and Social Service, the formation of which was recently announced by the Rev. R. J. Campbell.

YACHTSMEN IN PERIL.

Three motor yachtsmen were on a trip from Grimsby for Bridlington, when the machinery broke down. Heavy seas swept over the boat, and the yachtsmen had to bail for their lives until a tug came to the rescue.

OPENING UP QUEENSLAND.

In connection with the railway which is to run south-west from Dalby, Queensland, and which the Queensland Government proposes to build, farmers from Victoria have already selected for settlement over 750,000 acres in the district to be opened up by this line.

FOUNDER OF Y.M.C.A.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Whitelaw Reid, attended a Y.M.C.A. meeting at the Queen's Hall to receive a marble bust by Mr. Frampton of Sir G. Williams, the founder of the organisation, for the New York headquarters of the American associations.

The Rotherhithe Tunnel will be opened by the Prince of Wales on June 12.

The horse buses of the London General Omnibus Co. will no longer run between Highgate Archway and London Bridge.

A huge stretch of thickly-wooded country, some 100 miles in extent, near the Franciscan district of Rhodesia, is being opened up with a view to supplying the whole of South Africa with native-grown timber.

Mrs. Alexine Milne Harting, 89, widow of a solicitor of Avonmore Gardens, W., was so severely scalded on the foot through the leaking of a hot-water bottle, that she has died from the shock.

Jno. Bellis, of Handbridge, who netted the first salmon in the Dee at Chester since the opening of the season, was, in accordance with the old custom, awarded a prize of half a ton of coal by the rector of St. Mary's, Chester.

BANK OF ENGLAND GOVERNOR.

Mr. W. M. Campbell has been elected Governor of the Bank of England, and Mr. R. E. Johnston Deputy-Governor. Mr. Campbell is a member of the firm of Curtis, Campbell, and Co., merchants, Rood-lane, E.C., and has filled the post of Deputy-Governor of the Bank.

ZOLA'S TOMB.

In a letter to M. Ruc, member of the Senate, Mme. Zola regrets that her husband's remains are to be disturbed, and expresses the conviction that his labours of 40 years, his attitude at the time of the Dreyfus case, and the unjustifiable insults of the Nationalists will be a more fitting monument than a grave in the Pantheon.

£24,500 PROMISED AT A MEETING.

£24,500 was promised towards the cost of erecting the new Manchester Infirmary at a meeting held at the Manchester Town Hall. The building, which will be ready this year, will have cost half a million sterling, and towards this sum £24,500 has been raised by the sale of the site of the old infirmary to the Manchester City Council.

If rooks build their nests high in the trees the spring will be a wet one, while if they build low it will be dry.

Gen. Picquart, with the concurrence of the Prime Minister, is about to relinquish the Ministry of War, and take up the command of one of the most important army corps.

Haunted by the fear that she was considered a thief (the real culprit was caught and sentenced), Emma Sophia Reed, aged 54, hanged herself at Bournemouth.

Battersea Borough Council was people against throwing away 11 cartridges sometimes and their w into the furnace of the dust destructor and explode.

Mr. T. Wilkinson, a Bolton mill-trate, who recently presented a town with his suburban mansion, Whitehill, for use as a convalescent home, has provided £45,000 for adapting the buildings.

The Scotch iron moulders have ballot decided—by 3,000 votes to 1—to oppose the masters' intimation of a 1s. per week reduction. If the most attempt to enforce the reduction, men have been instructed to strike.

GRAMOPHONE IN PARKS.

The Parks Committee of the Manchester Corporation have decided to inaugurate a series of 64 gramophone, to be held in the parks and recreation grounds from May to September.

HIS RIVAL.

A Paris cabman who was summoned for refusing to convey a "fare," pleaded that he recognised in the fare a woman cabdriver, and that it was against his principles to allow her to engage his cab.

47 YEARS AS GUARD.

The death has just occurred at Scarborough of Mr. W. Scott, aged 84, who was for 47 years guard on the N.E. Ry. He was guard of the first excursion train that ever came into Scarborough. He retired on a pension 15 years ago. He was the oldest worshipper at Scarborough Parish Church, and was sidesman about 50 years.

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2. The next scene is that of the de-bu-tante fair, Who thinks a man's smile is
3. The next scene: the wo-man more sta-tic and cold; Ex-pe-ri-ence now she has

she? Her years are not told by her lines or grey hairs; She's young when she's old if she
boon. For from the first day that she plies up her hair, She sees her self con-quer-ing
lough. And whic-er she's poor or has plen-ty of gold, She shi-ners to think that she

heeds what she wears, And her A-ges just num-ber three. From the cra-dle to when she first
heart's ev-ry-where. If she's pro-ty, she knows it. From the school to the church when she
soon must grow old, And there's tra-ge-dy in the thought. From her wed-ding to when she sleeps

does a long skirt Is the First Age of Wo-man. When a de-ba-ry is arms she her
reigns as a bride Is the next Age of Wo-man. And she drea-mes and dan-ces and
in her last berth Is the third Age of Wo-man. She pos-sesses the pow'r to make

rights will as-sert. Tho' she's staid when a maid-en at school. Then un-con-scious-ly she learns the
thinks she can ride Thro' the world hap-py, care-less and gay. But two paths lie be-fore her, her
sor-row or mirth, She can break a proud heart by an act. When a wo-man is good, none can

wiles of the flirt, She is too young to know that her ac-tions may hurt When she's making a boy look a
fate to de-cide. And as sin is so sweet, and the road to de-struction is so wide, Truth ap-pears to be point-ing that
mea-sure her worth; When a wo-man is bad, she's the devil on earth, And she's fol-ly a-ware of the

fool. The first Age of Wo-man knows nev-er a blot, But tho' she knows noth-ing she
way. In this Age of Wo-man temp-ta-tion will call, And she who with-stands it is
fact. The last Age of Wo-man, she soon sees the truth; She's told by the hair and the

gues-ses a lot; She thinks that the world is a fai-ry-like spot, But in ways of the world she's u
hon-our'd by all, But she who does not must be cle-v-er or fall. For there's death in the am-o-r
eye and the tooth; With pain and per-ox-ide she'll coun-ter-feit youth, And a wave of dis-tem-er fills

vered. She's raw and ro-man-tic, reads By-ron, and sighs; She dreams of moun-tain-ous an
kiss. What tim-id de-light when the maid be-comes wife! It's good-bye to tron-bles an
breast. But if she's a true wo-man, ten-der and wise, She grows old so gent-ly ab

lan-guish-ing eyes; She thinks ev-ry man is a Prince in dis-guise. What an in-no-cent Age is th
fare-well to strife, She dreams and she fan-cies she's hap-py for life. What an Age of a wak-n'g i
needs no dis-guise; Each line is an hon-our, each grey hair a prize. And the Last Age of Wo-man's th

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